

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6375

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2006

Mr. SOUDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS AND NOTICE**

4 **TO PUBLIC ON CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVES**

5 **IN FUNDS AUTHORIZED OR MADE AVAILABLE**

6 **TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) IDENTIFICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL INI-
2 TIATIVES.—Chapter 23 of title 10, United States
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following
4 new section:

5 **“§ 490. Congressional initiatives in funds authorized**
6 **or made available to Department of De-**
7 **fense: annual report to Congress; notice**
8 **to public**

9 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT AND PUBLIC NOTICE RE-
10 QUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the close of each
11 fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Con-
12 gress a report on congressional initiatives applicable to
13 funds authorized or made available for the Department
14 of Defense for that fiscal year. Upon being submitted to
15 Congress, each such report shall be posted on a publicly
16 available Internet website of the Department of Defense.

17 “(b) CONTENT.—Each report under subsection (a)
18 shall include, for each congressional initiative applicable
19 to funds that were authorized or made available to the
20 Department of Defense for the fiscal year covered by the
21 report, the following:

22 “(1) A description of each such congressional
23 initiative, including—

24 “(A) the geographic location (by city,
25 State, country, and congressional district, if rel-

1 evant) in which the funds covered by such con-
2 gressional initiative are to be used;

3 “(B) the purpose of such congressional ini-
4 tiative (if known); and

5 “(C) the recipient of the funding covered
6 by such congressional initiative.

7 “(2) For each such congressional initiative, an
8 assessment of the utility of the congressional initia-
9 tive in meeting the goals of the Department, set
10 forth using a rating system as follows:

11 “(A) A rating of ‘A’ for a congressional
12 initiative that directly advances the primary
13 goals of the Department or an agency, element,
14 or component of the Department.

15 “(B) A rating of ‘B’ for a congressional
16 initiative that advances many of the primary
17 goals of the Department or an agency, element,
18 or component of the Department.

19 “(C) A rating of ‘C’ for a congressional
20 initiative that may advance some of the primary
21 goals of the Department or an agency, element,
22 or component of the Department.

23 “(D) A rating of ‘D’ for a congressional
24 initiative that cannot be demonstrated as being
25 cost-effective in advancing the primary goals of

1 the Department or any agency, element, or
 2 component of the Department.

3 “(E) A rating of ‘F’ for a congressional
 4 initiative that distracts from or otherwise im-
 5 pedes that capacity of the Department to meet
 6 the primary goals of the Department.

7 “(c) CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE DEFINED.—In this
 8 section, the term ‘congressional initiative’ means a provi-
 9 sion of law, or a directive contained within a joint explana-
 10 tory statement or report accompanying a conference re-
 11 port or bill (as applicable), that specifies—

12 “(1) the identity of an entity or project, includ-
 13 ing a defense system, for which funds are authorized
 14 or made available in that law (or conference report
 15 or bill) and that was not requested by the President
 16 in a budget submission to Congress; and

17 “(2) the amounts of the funds so authorized or
 18 made available.”.

19 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 20 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
 21 by adding at the end the following new item:

“490. Congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to De-
 partment of Defense: annual report to Congress; notice to pub-
 lic.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 490 of title 10,
 23 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall

- 1 apply with respect to funds made available to the Depart-
- 2 ment of Defense for each fiscal year after fiscal year 2006.

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